

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: SB 150

Title: Allow school transportation reimbursement within 3 mile limit

Primary Sponsor: Greg Jergeson

Status: Introduced

Sponsor signature	Date	Dave Lewis, Budget Director	Date
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Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY2000 Difference</u>	<u>FY2001 Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
General Fund	\$209,304	\$209,304
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	(\$209,304)	(\$209,304)

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	
X		Significant Local Gov. Impact		X	Technical Concerns
	X	Included in the Executive Budget		X	Significant Long-Term Impacts

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. "Eligible transportee" is defined in 20-10-101,MCA. SB 150 does not amend the definition of "eligible transportee." Therefore, SB 150 does not expand eligibility to any students who are not currently included in the definition.
2. The total number of individual transportation contracts for FY 1999 is 1,687 round-trip contracts and 274 one-way contracts.
3. SB 150 adjusts the formula for calculating the reimbursement for individual transportation contracts. By not subtracting 6 miles (3 miles for a one way) in the formula described in 20-10-142, the cost of a round-trip contract will increase by \$1.275 per day. And, the cost of a one-way contract will increase by \$.6375 per day. The total additional cost of these contracts is \$418,608.

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4. The state pays one-half of the cost of individual transportation contracts for eligible employees and the county pays the other half. The state share of the additional cost created by SB 150 is \$209,304 annually.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY2000 Difference</u>	<u>FY2001 Difference</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Transfers	\$209,304	\$209,304
<u>Funding:</u>		
General Fund (01)	\$209,304	\$209,304
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure):</u>		
General Fund (01)	(\$209,304)	(\$209,304)

EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:

County costs for individual transportation contracts will also increase by \$209,304 annually. The county transportation reimbursement is funded by a countywide property tax. This increase in the countywide levy tax would be subject to CI-75 voting requirements.

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